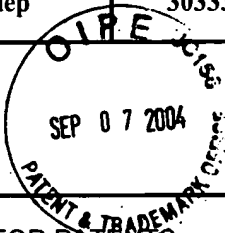


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Invention: SUBSURFACE VIDEO OBSERVATION SYSTEM					



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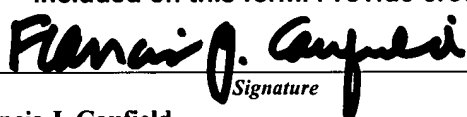
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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO
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Sir:

A non-final Office Action was mailed in this application on June 7, 2004 setting a shortened statutory period for a response without extension to expire in three months from the mailing date, or by September 7, 2004. In response to the Office Action of June 7, 2004, please reconsider and pass this application to issue for the reasons to follow.

REMARKS

Under the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zernov, et al. (US 6,097,424) in view of Caimi, et al. (US 4,777,501).

By way of this response, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn because the Office Action fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness as required under the rules of the MPEP and established precedent.